

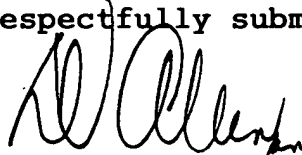
Further, Claims 19-28 have been rejected under 35 USC 251 as lacking a basis for the reissue "because by statute a reissue application can only be granted for the unexpired portion of the term of the original patent."

With all due respect to the Examiner, the 8th year maintenance fee was paid, and a copy of the Maintenance Fee Statement showing that is attached hereto as Exhibit A, a copy of the return postcard relating thereto is attached hereto as Exhibit B, and Patent Owner's Maintenance Fee Transmittal Letter is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

Note that the Patent Office Maintenance Fee Statement, Exhibit A, refers only to Re. 36,950, and not the underlying original patent, 5,301,941, which controls the maintenance fee payment schedule. In this regard, note that the Patent Owner's Maintenance Fee Transmittal Letter dated October 11, 2001 (Certificate of Mailing on reverse) refers to both Reissue 36,950 and the underlying original patent, 5,301,941, in the caption thereof.

If there is an error in the Patent Office records,
it is respectfully requested that the Examiner assist the
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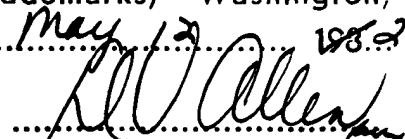
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